

## SENATE BILL No. 257

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-8-2; IC 14-19-3-6.

**Synopsis:** County option surcharges on state park fees. Allows a county containing a state park, forest, game preserve, recreation area, or reservoir to impose a surcharge on fees collected within the park or other entity. Requires that the surcharge be used to assist the local unit of government that provides police protection, fire protection, emergency medical services, or road repairs to the park or other entity. Provides that the surcharge may not be collected in a state park or other entity that is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers unless the Army Corps of Engineers has approved the surcharge.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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January 7, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-7.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7.5. "Annual pass", for  
3 ~~the~~ purposes of IC 14-19-3-5 and **IC 14-8-2-87.7**, has the meaning set  
4 forth in IC 14-19-3-5(a).

5 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-87.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2002]: **Sec. 87.7. "Fees", for purposes of IC 14-19-3-6, include:**

8 (1) **entrance or admission fees;**  
9 (2) **rental fees, including those for campsites and shelters; and**  
10 (3) **the price of an annual pass or a Golden Hoosier Passport;**  
11 **that are paid upon or after entering a state forest, game preserve,**  
12 **park, recreation area, or reservoir. The term does not include**  
13 **amounts paid for food, lodging, or gift shop purchases at a state**  
14 **park inn or other facility operated by a contractual vendor.**

15 SECTION 3. IC 14-19-3-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
16 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
17 1, 2002]: **Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to a county containing all**



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or part of a state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir under the jurisdiction of the department.

(b) The fiscal body of a county may adopt an ordinance to:

(1) impose a surcharge on all fees collected by the department within the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir; and

(2) require the department to report the surcharge collected under the ordinance on forms approved by the county treasurer.

If the county fiscal body adopts an ordinance under this section, it shall notify the director of the department.

(c) The surcharge equals five percent (5%) of the gross income derived from fees collected by the department within the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir.

(d) Upon receiving notice from the county fiscal body that it has adopted an ordinance under this section, the department shall begin collecting the surcharge within sixty (60) days. The department shall pay the surcharge collected during a month to the county treasurer not later than the end of the following month.

(e) If the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir is located in more than one (1) county, the total surcharge on fees collected by the department within the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir must equal five percent (5%) of gross income derived from fees collected by the department. The department shall distribute the surcharge collected under this section to the adopting county or counties based on the ratio of the percentage of the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir contained within an adopting county as determined by the department to the total percentage of the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir contained within all adopting counties. A county must adopt an ordinance under this section to receive the surcharge.

(f) The surcharge collected by the department and paid to the county treasurer shall be used in accordance with the ordinance adopted under this section to assist the local unit of government that provides:

- (1) police protection;
- (2) fire protection;
- (3) services of emergency medical technicians; or
- (4) road repairs;

to the state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or

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1       reservoir under the jurisdiction of the department.

2       (g) The surcharge allowed by this section applies only to gross  
3       income derived from fees collected by the department within the  
4       state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir  
5       located within the adopting county and is in addition to any  
6       applicable tax.

7       (h) A surcharge imposed on fees collected by the department in  
8       a state forest, game preserve, park, recreation area, or reservoir  
9       that the department maintains and operates under a lease  
10      arrangement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
11      must be approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
12      before the department collects the surcharge.

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